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31st July, 1968.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 24th July, I have to inform you that you have not stated the exact names of your grandfather and great-grandfather, but on the assumption that the surname was 'Stevens' the information given below may be of interest. This information has been taken from Victorian Blue Books and from Public Service Lists published annually in the Victorian Government Gazette. The Archives Division does not hold records relating to the Lighthouse service.

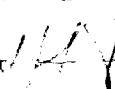
- (1) W. Stevens His name appears only in the Blue Book of 1887, and the Public Service Lists of 1887 and 1888, the entry of 1888 giving the following particulars :

Assistant Lighthouse keeper, Cape Otway, age 59, first appointed February 1858, 28 years in service - services not continuous.

- (2) G.F.W. Stevens His name appears in Blue Books and Public Service Lists between 1890 and 1915, and from the entries his career up to 1915 appears to have been as follows :

Born 6.3.1866. First appointment 17.4.89 as Assistant Lighthouse keeper, served at Split Point, Cape Nelson, Pt.Lonsdale. From 1.7.99 Senior Assistant Lighthouse keeper. From 14.1.1903 Lighthouse keeper, served at Cape Nelson, Split Point, Cape Schanck. His name does not appear in the Lists after 1915. At about this time the Commonwealth Government assumed authority over certain Victorian Lighthouses and it is possible that Stevens was transferred to the Commonwealth Service. I suggest you inquire of the Commonwealth Archivist, Archives Office, Outer Crescent, Middle Brighton, Victoria 3186, for information about Stevens' career subsequent to 1915.

Yours faithfully,


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